

The specification has been amended to add reference to related patent applications. A Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for the Benefit of a Prior Filed Application is being filed herewith, along with a Request for a Corrected Filing Receipt and a Request for a One Month Extension of Time.

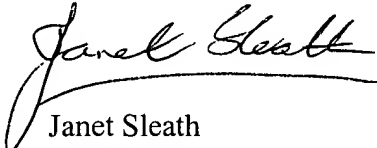
Claims 1- 12 have been cancelled from the application as being drawn to non-elected inventions. Claim 22 has been cancelled from the application and rewritten as newly added claims 23-28. Specifically, claim 23 is drawn to methods for modulating an immune response in a patient comprising administering a composition comprising a polypeptide, wherein the polypeptides comprising a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 31-33, with claims 25 and 27 being drawn to methods of modulating an immune response comprising administering a composition comprising a polypeptide which includes a sequence having either 75% or 90% identity to a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 31-33. Claims 24, 26 and 28, dependent upon claims 23, 25 and 27, respectively, are drawn to such methods, wherein the immune response is enhanced. It is submitted that support for these claims may be found on page 18, lines 12-20, in Examples 7-9, page 33, line 19 - page 37, line 3, and throughout the specification as originally filed.

It is urged that support for all the above amendments may be found throughout the specification as originally filed and that none of the amendments constitute new matter. Furthermore, it is submitted that none of the above amendments are being made for reasons relating to patentability and that they therefore do not create prosecution estoppel.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Early consideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title of the invention, the following paragraph has been inserted:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/383,586, filed August 26, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,424,419; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/276,268, filed March 25, 1999, now abandoned; and claims priority to International Patent Application No. PCT/NZ00/00015, filed February 18, 2000; and to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/221,216, filed July 25, 2000.--

In the Claims:

Claims 1-12 and 22 have been cancelled.

The following new claims have been added:

--23. A method for modulating an immune response in a patient, comprising administering to the patient a composition comprising an isolated polypeptide, the polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 31-33.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein the immune response is enhanced.

25. A method for modulating an immune response in a patient, comprising administering to the patient a composition comprising an isolated polypeptide, the polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of: sequences having at least 75% identity to a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 31-33, wherein the polypeptide has the same functional properties as a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 31-33.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein the immune response is enhanced.

27. A method for modulating an immune response in a patient, comprising administering to the patient a composition comprising an isolated polypeptide, the polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of: sequences having at least 90% identity to a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 31-33, wherein the polypeptide has the same functional properties as a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 31-33.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein the immune response is enhanced.--